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SUBJECT:TITO VISIT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON KRSKO LICENSE
ISSUE (RESTON INTERVIEW)

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR STATE NOON
BRIEFING:

Q. THE RESTON INTERVIEW WITH TITO RAISES THE ISSUE OF A
DISPUTE BETWEEN THE US AND YUGOSLAVIA OVER THE SUPPLY OF
NUCLEAR FUEL FOR A YUGOSLAV REACTOR. HAS THIS DISPUTE
BEEN RESOLVED AND, IF NOT, WHAT DIVIDES THE TWO SIDES?

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A. AS YOU KNOW, THE CONGRESS RECENTLY PASSED -- AND THE
PRESIDENT IS MOMENTARILY EXPECTED TO SIGN -- LEGISLATION
COVERING THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR FUEL AND EQUIPMENT, WHICH
SETS OUT CONDITIONS COVERING THE DISPOSITION OF US-SUPPLIED
FUEL AND FUEL USED IN US-SUPPLIED REACTORS. MUCH OF WHAT
IS IN THIS PENDING LAW HAS ALREADY BEEN EMBODIED IN THE
POLICIES OF THE ADMINISTRATION, THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY

COMMISSION AND THE CONGRESS.

IN MAY OF 1977, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION LICENSED THE EXPORT OF A NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR BUILT BY WESTINGHOUSE.

WE HAVE SINCE THEN BEEN HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE YUGO-SLAV GOVERNMENT OVER A LICENSE APPLICATION FOR NUCLEAR FUEL FOR THIS REACTOR. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE WE WILL WORK OUT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENT WITH YUGOSLAVIA -- WHICH HAS ITSELF BEEN A STRONG ADVOCATE OF NUCLEAR WEAPON NON-PROLIFERATION -- WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE TIMELY EXPORT OF THE FUEL.

2. NO QUESTIONS ON THIS ISSUE WERE RAISED DURING MARCH 3 BRIEFING.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD TRY TO AVOID ANY COMMENT ON WHETHER KRSKO ISSUE ALREADY RESOLVED, AS RESTON INTERVIEW HAS TITO INDICATING. WE ARE ANXIOUS TO AVOID ANY DIRECT CONTRADICTION TO HIS STATEMENT. IF NECESSARY, HOWEVER, USE ABOVE GUIDANCE. CHRISTOPHER

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